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**JANIE S. MAYERON
APPOINTED U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (February 4, 2003) – Chief U.S. District Court Judge James M. Rosenbaum is pleased to announce the appointment of Janie S. Mayeron to the position of United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota. Mayeron will take the oath of office in the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis on Friday, February 7. A formal investiture will follow on March 14 in the Minneapolis Courthouse. Magistrate Judge Mayeron will maintain judicial chambers in the St. Paul Courthouse on Robert Street.

Mayeron will fill the position formerly held by John M. Mason, who passed away unexpectedly last year. The District Court appointed a seven-member panel of attorneys, judges, and business professionals to advise the court on its selection. Mayeron was among a group of highly-qualified finalists considered by the Merit Selection Panel.

In making the appointment, Rosenbaum lauded Mayeron's qualifications for a judicial position. "Janie Mayeron is a highly respected attorney. She is not only an accomplished lawyer in her own right, she is a recognized leader in case settlement and mediation. Her experience in assisting litigants in reaching their own resolution of disputes will serve her well."

Mayeron, 51, was born in Minneapolis, and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School. Among Mayeron's outside professional activities, she is an active member of the American Bar and Minnesota State Bar Associations, has served on several Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committees, was an appointee to the University of Minnesota Law School Board of Visitors, and in the past, has held the positions of Chair and Council Member of the Minnesota State Bar Association Civil Litigation Section.

Prior to joining the judiciary, Mayeron was a shareholder with the law firm of Leonard, Street and Deinard practicing in the area of litigation. In addition to her litigation practice, she had a very active

mediation practice and was a member of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution. Mayeron has written and spoken nationally on topics relating to employment law, products liability, trial practice and alternative dispute resolution.

United States Magistrate Judges are appointed to serve eight year terms, by the Judges of the U.S. District Court. They are subject to reappointment to successive terms. Mayeron will join Chief Magistrate Judge Jonathan G. Lebedoff in Minneapolis, Magistrate Judges Franklin L. Noel in Minneapolis, Raymond L. Erickson in Duluth, Arthur J. Boylan in St. Paul, Susan Richard Nelson in St. Paul, Part-Time Magistrate Judge Mary Kay Klein in Bemidji, and Retired Magistrate Judge J. Earl Cudd in Minneapolis.

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